

SINISTER CONDITION DECEIED BY SENATOR

Asks Judges to Awaken Public
Interest in Legislation

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 2.—Members of the American Bar Association were called upon by former Senator Charles S. Thomas, of Colorado, in an address he delivered before the Association here today to arouse public opinion to what he described as a "sinister condition" in the methods of federal legislation. He appealed to the lawyers to combat a "riot of waste and profligacy" which he said, "has long disgraced the country's affairs."

He urged the association to show the people how they had departed from the principles of impartial enforcement of laws and equality of rights and to warn them of the dangers of paternalism and that the government "must perish when converted into a colossal agency for the bestowal of privileges and the distribution of its revenues to those securing its control and wielding its authority."

Mr. Thomas is a democrat, whose term in the Senate expired last March. The former Senator criticized the development of Federal aid at the expense of state authority and enumerated many ways in which the legislative encroachments of the Federal government have invaded state authority. He declared that "if the range of political authority be ultimately covered into the central system, the pupils may fully justify the assertion that it is impossible for a democracy to govern an empire."

Federal aid for numerous projects such as improvement of rivers and harbors, he declared, is now to be supplemented by the grant of billions to the ex-service men and women of the recent war, subordination of the resources and administration of the Federal reserve banks to the exigencies of speculation, agriculture and labor and by the proposed creation of a national corporation capitalized from the Treasury for the purchase and storage of surplus commodities unable to find an immediate market.

Revenue, he said, is raised as extensively as possible by levies imposed upon specific interests, frankly designed to impress the voter with the conviction that the public burden is placed upon other shoulders than his. Taxes, he added, are dictated by political exigencies and controlled by political considerations.

Statutes especially favoring groups or classes of people had become a feature of congressional action, he continued. The groups seeking this legislation had multiplied throughout the years until they embraced all kinds of men except taxpayers. There were, he asserted, about 250 of them with headquarters in Washington with active and vigilant lobbies. They draft bills, secure their introduction, distribute them at public expense and bombard committees and Congress for their speedy enactment. They have members of both houses card-indexed. Their aim, he said, is to obtain discriminatory legislation and the heaviest sums turned on the treasury whose former defenders had become either corrupted or chloroformed.

The speaker asserted that numerous leagues and associations had been formed since the war to obtain passage of joint resolutions in Congress favoring the creation of new principalities within the dominions of nations in whose domestic affairs the United States had no legal or moral concern. Passage of these resolutions, he declared, committed the nation to a policy involving it in grave responsibilities. Yet, he knew of no senator or representative who had challenged the authority of Congress to do this.

Mr. Thomas advised the citizen concerned for his country to study the measures on the calendar of this Congress and acquaint himself with the programs of "these swarming organizations which seemingly are enlisted in a struggle of every class for itself, and the devil takes the indmost."

"We therefore confront the evolution of a political system wherein rival parties eagerly contend for the mastery of their government by bartering its integrity and its resources for the suffrages of the people," said Mr. Thomas.

"Our fixed charges for administration, exclusive of sinking fund requirements and interest on the national debt have reached appalling dimensions. They are too vast for comprehension in terms of money. They compromise not less than four billions of dollars, while Congress with each passing week adds something to the burden."

"The threatened bonus will add hundreds of millions to the sum total. The recent dispassionate and unanswerable appeals of overwhelming tides of expenditure have encountered violent and unmeasured denunciations, their purposes unquestioned, their motives assailed. They have succeeded in postponing but not in preventing the riot of waste and profligacy, which has so long disgraced the country's affairs."

Mr. Thomas characterized the budget bill as "a budget lame in name

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only, a miserable abortion, an imbecile scheme of legislation." He declared that it made provision for estimates, for apportionments and recommendation for appropriations but did not restrict Congress to the maximum. Congress, he said, may accept or repudiate them as it desires.

He declared that all distinctions between the two great parties had been obliterated and added: "Both live upon tradition and practice identical methods of administration. Even the tariff has become the basis for common plunder. Republicanism and democracy are meeting on common ground. Party differences more and more concern themselves with competition in the making or granting of much and promising more."

"The conditions which I have imperfectly outlined indicate our progress from a representative republic to a continental democracy. They are not only altering our scheme of government; they threaten to transform it altogether. Their progress can be arrested only by an aroused public opinion."

MISSIONER BURIED WHERE HE LABORED

Dr. Hykes East Resting Place Nearby
Scenes of Daily Toil and Sacrifice.

Shanghai, Sept. 2.—Dr. John R. Hykes, whose recent death in Shanghai brought to a close nearly a half century of service as a missionary in the China field, is buried in Pashienjao cemetery here near the scene of the greater part of his labors. Doctor Hykes, who was born at Shippensburg, Pa., on August 9, 1852, was admitted to the Central New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in China, the youngest man ever placed in the foreign mission field by the Methodist Episcopal church.

He carried on evangelistic work in various parts of China until 1893,

when he became representative of the American Bible society with headquarters at Shanghai. Civic affairs, as well as religious, received Doctor Hykes' attention and for a period of years he was a member of the municipal council of Shanghai and in the years 1900-05 was American vice consul-general, serving at the same time as American Mixed Court assessor. In recent years he was active in the Masonic Order in Shanghai. He was a 33rd degree Mason and was District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge, Massachusetts Constitution, China Masonic District. He was also Inspector General Honorary Deputy of the Supreme Council in China of the Scottish Rites Body. His death occurred on June 14.

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GERMANS IN MEXICO

Trying to Purchase Yucatan's Henequen Output

Mexico City, Sept. 2.—A group of German manufacturers is attempting to purchase the entire henequen output of the state of Yucatan for this year, according to El Herald de Mexico, who says the crop will be shipped to Germany for ultimate use. The newspaper states that this purchase will provide a much needed stimulus to the henequen growing industry in that state and will return a large portion of the estimated 30,000 idle laborers there to their tasks.

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